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Water Clocks in China.
In the history of the Tang dynasty it is stated that in Persia at the same period there was a clepsydra on a terrace near the palace formed of a balance containing twelve metal balls, one of which fell every hour on a bell and thus struck the hours correctly. It is deemed not unlikely that this instrument was identical with the celebrated one which the king of Persia sent in the year 807 to Charlemagne. In 808 the astronomer Tsiang pro-

duced an improvement on all former instruments a machine arranged on a sort of miniature terrace ten feet high and divided into three stories, the works being in the middle. Twelve im-ages of men, one for every hour, appeared in turn before an opening in the terrace. Another set of automata struck the hours and eighths of hours. These figures occupied the lowest sto-

tronomy, containing an orrery in mo-tion. Very complex machinery must have been required. As to the nature of the mechanism nothing is known except that it was kept going by falling

clared, was once sitting at dinner beside a lady who in impassioned tones asked him whether he did not think it a very terrible thing that the Rev. Mr. Jones, the vicar, should have adopted the eastward position in administering the sacrament. "My dear lady," he replied, "I am told by Sir John Herschel that to drop a pea at the end of every mile of a voyage on a limitless ocean to the distance of the nearest fixed star would require a fleet of 10,000 ships, each of 600 tons burden, all starting with a full cargo of peas. Now, do you really suppose that the Maker of the fixed stars considers this new position of Mr. Jones a serious thing?" clared, was once sitting at dinner be

Before we complain of the spelling of our daughters we should perhaps take exception to the pronunciation of our fathers. Most of the eccentricities in spelling common to children arise from their attempts to reproduce words as they hear them pronounced by their elders. A child who was told to make a list of all the fruits she knew wrote down, "Apis, strorbriz, rarsbriz, goozbris, bnarners." Another spelled the word "idea" with the addition of an "r." "Idear!" exclaimed her teacher. "That is a funny way of spelling idea." Her pupil, however, was not to be outdone. "I know," she answered readily, "but I spelled it that way for short."—London Chronicle.

Too Mach Appreciation.

A biography of Huxley dwells on the annoyance which he suffered from bores. But the plague had its funny

bores. But the plague had its funny side. Huxley once wrote to a friend:
"I had a letter from a fellow yesterday morning who must be a lunatic, to the effect that he had been reading my essays, thought I was the man to spend a month with and was coming down by the 5 o'clock train attended by his several blues and the side of the en children and his mother-in-law!

The Jackpot Defined.

A subscriber asks, "What is a jackpot that I read about once in awhile, and what seems to be the difficulty in getting it open?"

A jackpot is one for properly cooking fish and is especially recommended for suckers. It has a time lock, over the combination of which millions of Amer-icans have burned the midnight oil in vain.-American Thresherman

Practical Philosophy. Daughter—Pa, dear, what is the dif-ference between accident and fate? Pa—That buttons fly off a man's clothes is accident. That a man's wife never sews them on is fate.—Detroit Free Press,

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that time until he is forty, if he has fair treatment and does not meet with an accident, he is not likely to lose any time. He is not subject to the many aliments to which the horse is a victim, at least not to any great degree. He lives about twice as long, and his actual period of usefulness is nearly three times as long, for the horse is really not fit for heavy service until he is five years old or after he is twenty, while a mule will often do good service, while a mule will often do good service for forty years, and they have been known to work fifty, according to one writer, without being turned out at any time during all that long period. Like the ass, the mule will live upon

Like the ass, the mule will live upon next to nothing, and during all his fortry years of hard service a mule will not require—and generally does not get—half the feed necessary to sustain a horse during his much shorter period of usefulness.

Where Aliaptee Graws.

The island of Jamaica produces about all the aliaptee that is used. It is known also as pimento, or Jamaica pepper. The tree on which the berries grow is evergreen, and the flowers grow in dense clusters. These develop into small green aromatic berries, the size of black pepper. If allowed to ripen, they become pulpy and lose some of their pungency. For commercial purposes the gency. For commercial purposes the berries are gathered when green, carefully dried in the sun and afterward packed in begs lioiding 160 to 180 pounds and shipped. Pimento trees grow in many parts of tropical America, but nowhere do they thrive as in Jamaica. The trees are never planted by man and receive no cultivation worthy of the name. The seeds are dropped by the birds, and the rains and the tropical sun do the rest. Surplus dropped by the birds, and the rains and the tropical sun do the rest. Surplus trees are cut down and become walking sticks and umbrella handles. This spice is more mild and innocent than most

He Won the Youngster.
The Rev. Dr. Mackenzle of San Francisco was once calling on a new parishioner who had a "limb" of a boy. She had invited the doctor to dine. "Willie," she said to her hopeful, "pass

"Madam," said the minister, "do not judge him harshly. See how beautifully he put the sphere over the plate." And from that time there wasn't a more earnest worker in all the big Sunday school than that same Willie.

Mekinley and His Mother.

Cure For Hiccough.

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A Hungry Musician. During the siege of Ladysmith an officer who was organizing a concert to keep up his men's cheerfuiness heard of a sergeant in the Gordons who was said to be a performer. He found the said sergeant and asked him to con-tribute his services.

The sergeant was sorry, but said he "couldn't."

"Why," said the officer, "you do play something, don't you?"

"I did, sir."

"Well, what's your instrument?"
"The bones, sir-but I've ate 'em!"

Modern Instance.

what our old friend the apostle Paul has to say. Step up here, Paul, and give us your testimony."

No, the speaker wasn't a flippant prosecuting attorney in the celebrated trial before Fellx.

It was the Rev. Mr. Seventhly, the popular pastor of the Blank Avenue church, who was preaching a doctrinal sermon.—Chicago Tribune.

The Shock Too Severe. "Did the coroner's jury ascertain what

caused Bowersox's sudden death?" "Yes. It appears that he received a umber's bill in his morning's mail." "But surely that did not kill him?"

"That wasn't it, but about noon the plumber himself called and said there was an overcharge in the bill that he wished to correct."—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Hunt—I suppose Jane Porter is the most truthful person in town. Why, I verily believe she would tell the truth even about her age. Mrs. Pike—That wouldn't be truthful-ness; it would simply be eccentricity.— Boston Transcript.

He was warned.

Miss Palisade—I was very much surprised, Mr. Cleverton, that you were not at church this morning to hear me sing the solo. Didn't your friend Dashaway tell you about it beforehand?

Cleverton—Yes; he was good enough to.—Harlem Life.

No matter how triding a man is, he swells up if asked advice.—Washington Democrat.

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said. Way, eer. I call the gentleman to order. He is stating an absurdity. We never send haystacks or cornfields to New York or Philadelphia."

"Well, what do you send?" asked

send," replied Wyckeliffe "borses, cattle, bogs and mules."
"Well," continued Stewart,

makes your horses, cattle, hogs and mules? You feed \$100 worth of hay to a horse; you get on top of your hay-stack and ride off to market. How about your cattle? You make every one carry \$50 worth of hay or grass to an eastern market. You send a hog worth \$10 to market. How much corn at 33 cents a bushel does it take to fatten it? Why, thirty bushels. Then you put thirty bushels of corn into the shape of a bog and make it walk to an eastern

Before Stewart could proceed further Wyckliffe arose and said, "Mr. Speak-er, I acknowledge the corn."

dealt in old horses, alternating his spells of labor with heavy sprees. Dur-ing the period of depression which followed each overindulgence John habit towed each overindulgence John habit-ually took to bed and there diligently studied the family Rible. During one of these fits of attempted reformation his condition prompted his wife to call in the Rev. Mr. Wallace, the parish minister, who at the time happened to be massing.

see oor John. He's rale bad."

"What's wrang wi' him?"
"He's feart to meet his Makker."
said Mrs. John. Quick as fire came the crushing re-

ply:
"Humph! Tell'm he needna be feart
for that. He'll never see'm?"

The Home of the Kindergartes.
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"Judgment!" cried Willie.

"One strike!" quoted the quick witted clergyman.

"Willie, leave the table!" stormed his solid fitures out of straw, with green peas to hold the joints together, and for the instruction of the blind flat blocks are provided, with the Japanese

McKinley and His Mother.

Dr. Rixey, who for some years was the private physician in the McKinley household, used to tell that when the late president's mother sat down for the first time to a White House dinner what seemed to impress her most was the prodigal supply of cream. She commented on the abundance and then added, "Well, William, at last I know what they mean when they speak of the cream of society."

The president laughed. "I admit," said he, "that there seems to be an extravagant array of cream on the table, but you know, mother, we can af-ford to keep a cow now."

Dickens' Unfortunate Love Dickens' Unfortunate Love.

Concerning Charles Dickens, it is well known that though he married Catherine, one of George Hogarth's three daughters, in 1836, he was later devotedly attached to her sister Mary. Why he did not marry Mary in the first place is not certainly known, unless it be that Mary, a young woman of great loveliness of character, had successfully concealed her own affection for ly concealed her own affection for Catherine's betrothed in order to save her sister from disappointment.—Percy Fitzgerald in Harper's Magazine.

to do something to reduce your flesh.
You are becoming fearfully stout.
Minks—Say, Jinks, you are about the fortieth friend who has made that offensive remark today, and I'm getting tired of it. It worries me.
Jinks—That's all right. Worry reduces flesh—New York Work!

duces flesh .- New York Weekly A Strenuous Life. "I suppose a public man has to read a great deal," said the thoughtful man. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "the demand for anecdotes is so great now that a man has to keep digging in the library all the time in order to keep up the supply of stories about himself."

—Washington Star.

"There goes a man with a mighty bad record."
"You don't say! He doesn't look criminal."

"Who said criminal? He's a bleycle racer who has never done better than a mile in 2:47."—Baltimore News.

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